

Calendar No. 641

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. J. RES. 41

Commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 7, 2004

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. HAGEL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

JULY 16, 2004

Reported by Mr. CAMPBELL, with an amendment and an amendment to the preamble

[Strike out all after the resolving clause and the preamble and insert the part printed in *italic*]

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Indian; and authorized the construction of a facility to house the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in the District of Columbia;

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2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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4 **DIAN.**

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 2 tribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy
 3 of the United States; both in the past and currently;

4 (2) honors the cultural achievements of all Na-
 5 tive Americans;

6 (3) celebrates the official opening of the Na-
 7 tional Museum of the American Indian; and

8 (4) encourages all Americans to take advantage
 9 of the resources of the National Museum of the
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 20 *Museum of the American Indian; and*

21 (4) *requests the President to issue a proclama-*
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